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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT LUNCHEON ON APRIL 22 AMBASSADORS DISCUSSED ORGANIZATION OF THE NATO SUMMIT, THE MAY 22-23 DPC MINISTERIAL, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NPG MINISTERIAL, UNCLASSIFIED VERSIONS OF SUMMARY AND REPORT TO CONGRESS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE (ACTION ADDRESSES SEE ALSO REFTEL), AND LEAKS TO THE PRESS.
END SUMMARY.

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE NATO SUMMIT. AFTER GENERAL DISCUSSION SYG LUNS SUMMARIZED SAYING THERE HAD BEEN MANY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUMMIT MEETING; HOWEVER, A CONSENSUS SEEMED TO BE FORMING THAT IT SHOULD LAST ONLY ONE DAY, I.E. ALL OF MAY 30 WITH AN INTERRUPTION FOR A LUNCHEON AT THE ATO RESTUARNAT. CONCERNING THE AGENDA, HE SAID SOME PERMREPS FAVORED ONE OF A

GENERAL NATURE, WHILE THE US AND OTHERS MIGHT PREFER A MORE FORMAL AGENDA. AS TO THE COMMUNIQUE, LUNS SAID MOST PERMREPS SEEMED TO FAVOR A "COMPRESSED" ONE; HOWEVER, THERE WAS WIDE SPREAD FEELING THAT NOT MUCH COULD BE DECIDED WITH RESPECT TO A COMMUNIQUE IN THE ABSENCE OF DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES MUST HAVE MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION ON WHO IS COMING, WHAT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE, HOW LONG THEY WILL LAST, AND SO FORTH, BEFORE ARRANGEMENTS CAN PROCEED FURTHER. MENZIES (CANADA) EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT CONSIDER THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE PRIMARILY FOR ITS PROPAGANDA EFFECTS. LUNS SAID ALL THESE MATTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED AGAIN THE FOLLOWING DAY (APRIL 23) IN THE NAC. UNDER QUESTIONING, AMBASSADOR BRUCE NOTED THE WHITE HOUSE HAD SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL ATTEND THE SUMMIT MEETING ON MAY 29 AND 30, AND FURTHER THAT THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN HAD COMMENTED THAT "NO SIDE TRIPS ARE PLANNED".

2. THE MAY 22-23 DPC MINISTERIAL. MENZIES EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT AT THIS STAGE PREPARATIONS FOR THE DPC MEETING ARE AS INSUFFICIENT AS THEY WERE LAST YEAR. THE SYG OBSERVED THAT MANY REPORTS, SUCH AS THAT ON INFRASTRUCTURE, ON SECRETARY SCHLESINGERS LONG RANGE PLANNING, AND ON OTHER TOPICS, ARE UNDER STUDY OR UNDER PREPARATION. MENZIES ASKED AMBASSADOR BRUCE IF HE KNEW SPECIFICALLY WHAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WOULD DISCUSS AT THE MEETING. BRUCE ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE. DE STAERCKE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE A SHORT BUFFET LUNCHEON ON MAY 22 AT NATO HEADQUARTERS SO AS NOT TO ABRIDGE UNNECESSARILY THE DEFENSE MINISTERS CONSULTATIONS. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE A DINNER THAT EVENING, THE PLACE AND NATURE OF WHICH ARE AS YET UNDETERMINED.

3. ARRANGEMENT FOR THE NPG MINISTERIAL. BRUCE GAVE A SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING SUCH HIGHLIGHTS AS THE SIDE TRIP TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE ON JUNE 15. HE SAID THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NPG STAFF GROUP (WHICH MET RIGHT AFTER THE PERMREPS LUNCH) WOULD CIRCULATE FURTHER AND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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MATION, INCLUDING A QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE DELEGATION ATTENDING THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. BRUCE ASKED HIS COLLEAGUES TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES BY MAY 2.

4. UNCLASSIFIED VERSIONS OF SUMMARY AND REPORT TO CONGRESS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE. BRUCE STATED THAT SINCE HE HAD CIRCULATED TO SYG LUNS AND NPG PERMREPS A BIRDF UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF THE NUNN REPORT ON FRIDAY, 18 APRIL, AND HAD NO OBJECTIONS RAISED TO IT, HE TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT THE SUMMARY CAN NOW BE USED, IF DESIRED, ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE. HE ALSO STATED THAT WE ARE WORKING ON A SANITIZED VERSION OF THE ENTIRE REPORT, AND WILL PROVIDE ADVANCE COPIES OF IT TO OUR NPG ALLIES BEFORE DELIVERING IT TO THE CONGRESS.

5. LEAKS TO THE PRESS. THE SYG AND PERMREPS AGREED THAT THE PROBLEM OF LEAKAGE TO THE PRESS OF COUNCIL AND DPC DELIBERATIONS HAD BECOME SERIOUS AND ALL AGREED ALL POSSIBLE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO TIGHTEN SECURITY. LUNS ASSERTED THE ONLY SAFE FRA SEEMED TO BE PERMREPS LUNCHEONS AND RESTRICTED GATHERINGS IN HIS OWN OFFICE. BRUCE

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